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The following quarantinable diseases were reported in Kobe during the week: Cholera, 7 cases, with 2 deaths, and smallpox, 23 cases, with 2 deaths. The total mortality was 149.

Reports from Osaka for the same week give 51 cases and 47 deaths from plague, an increase over last week in deaths of 16. The disease has now spread to the business center known as Semba.

The Japanese exercise considerable care in the way of cleaning and disinfecting every house in their cities. This is done twice a year. The entire contents of each house are removed into the streets and the floors are taken away. Here in Kobe it requires two months to go over the entire city. Three sections are undergoing these operations at the same time.

Summary of cholera at Kobe and Osaka October 13–November 16.

Vice-Consul Gassett reports:

During the period from October 13 to November 19, 1907, inclusive, 950 cases of Asiatic cholera, with 34 deaths, were reported at Kobe, and 55 cases, with 40 deaths, at Osaka.

Report from Nagasaki—Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Sanitary Inspector Bowie reports:

November 27. Number of emigrants per steamship *China* recommended for rejection, 9.

MEXICO.

Maritime restrictions against arrivals from San Francisco, Cal.

The following information is received, under date of December 10, 1907, from the Mexican ambassador to the United States, through the Department of State:

Owing to the existence of bubonic plague at San Francisco, Cal., the superior board of health of Mexico has ordered that vessels coming thence to Mexican ports shall be admitted only to ports where there are delegates and disinfecting plants, in order to ascertain the sanitary condition of the vessels and to make such disinfection with steam under pressure as may be required. The Mexican ports which vessels from San Francisco may enter directly are Salina Cruz, Acapulco, Manzanillo, San Blas, Mazatlan, and Guaymas. Vessels in question may be admitted to other Mexican ports only after touching at one of the ports named.

Report from Salina Cruz—Inspection and fumigation of vessel.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McPherson reports, December 16:

During the period December 1 to 15, inclusive, 1 steamship cleared from this port for the United States, as follows: December 4, steamship *Columbian*, bound for San Diego, Cal.; fumigated throughout while in the roadstead outside the harbor.